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**City of Cambridge to regulate motorized scooters**  
**Effective July 15 2004**

The City of Cambridge is advertising [regulations for motorized scooters](#) under the City's Traffic regulations. The new regulations take effect July 15, 2004.

**What is a motorized scooter?** A motorized scooter is a two-wheeled vehicle with a motor that is not regulated by the State as a "motor vehicle" or a "motorized bicycle" (moped) and is not used for travel by persons with disabilities.

A "motor vehicle" has a registration (license plate). A "motorized bicycle" is required to have a moped decal from the Mass Registry of Motor Vehicles.

**What do the new regulations entail?**

- The operator must wear a helmet.
- The operator must be 16 years of age or older.
- The scooter cannot be operated at speeds greater than 25MPH.
- The motorized scooter cannot be operated after dark.
- The operator cannot carry a passenger.
- The operator cannot pass another scooter traveling in the same direction.
- Motorized scooters cannot be ridden on sidewalks, off-street bicycle paths, streets with a posted speed limit greater than 30MPH, or in parks or playgrounds.
- The vehicle must have a braking system and the handlebars must be below shoulder height of the operator.
- The operator cannot operate in a reckless manner that endangers the safety of a person or property, or violate federal, state or local laws or regulations.
- The motorized scooter cannot be parked obstructing pedestrians or persons with disabilities.

A copy of the [motorized scooter regulation](#) is available from the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department or can be accessed from the department's website. For a copy call 617-349-4717 or go to [www.cambridgema.gov/traffic](http://www.cambridgema.gov/traffic).